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To 펫□ηWhom 펫□ηit 펫□체□ηMay 펫□ηConcern:

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Please 펫□ηaccept 펫□ηthis 펫□ηletter 펫□ηsolely 펫□ηon 펫□ηthe 펫□체□ηsite 펫□ηPassaic 펫□ηRiver 펫□ηpollution 펫□ηproblems 펫□ηand 펫□ηthe 펫□체□ηnatural 펫□ηhabitat 펫□ηrestoration 펫□ηefforts 펫□ηthat 펫□ηwe 펫□ηhave 펫□ηserved 펫□ηas 펫□ηa 펫□ηcitizen 펫□ηadvocate 펫□ηfor 펫□ηthe 펫□ηbays, 펫□ηstreams, 펫□ηland 펫□ηshore polluters, 펫□ηchampions 펫□ηpublic 펫□ηaccess, 펫□ηinfluences 펫□ηland 펫□ηuse 펫□체□ηdecisions, 펫□ηbenefiting 펫□ηthe 펫□ηnatural 펫□ηand 펫□ηhuman 펫□체□ηstakeholders 펫□ηof 펫□ηour 펫□ηw

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I 펫□ηwould 펫□ηexpress 펫□ηour 펫□ηstrong 펫□ηopposition 펫□ηto 펫□ηany 펫□ηremedy 펫□ηthe Passaic 펫□ηRiver 펫□ηsediments 펫□ηas 펫□ηNewark 펫□ηBay 펫□ηMago 펫□ηstakeholders 펫□ηmeet 펫□ηRegional 펫□ηAdministrator 펫□ηJudith 펫□ηEnck 펫□ηto 펫□ηdiscuss 펫□ηthe 펫□ηstatus 펫□ηPassaic 펫□ηDuring 펫□ηthis 펫□ηmeeting 펫□ηseveral ideas were 펫□ηraised 펫□ηby 펫□ηBaykeeper 펫□ηand 펫□ηother idea 펫□ηof 펫□ηcreating 펫□ηa 펫□ηCAD 펫□ηcell 펫□ηor 펫□ηCDF 펫□ηin 펫□ηNewark 펫□ηBay 펫□ηThese ideas include:

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- Hazardous 펫□ηsediments 펫□ηwould 펫□ηbe 펫□ηremoved 펫□ηprofessionally 펫□ηdisposed 펫□ηmonitored 펫□ηof 펫□ηat 펫□ηa 펫□ηfederally 펫□ηpermitted 펫□ηRCRA 펫□ηfacility 펫□ηNewark 펫□ηBay. 펫□ηThe 펫□ηRCRA 펫□ηrequires 펫□ηfacilities 펫□ηwith 펫□ηdouble 펫□ηand 펫□ηconsistent 펫□ηgovernment 펫□ηoversight. 펫□ηSafety 펫□ηis 펫□ηthe 펫□ηtop priority 펫□ηsafety 펫□ηand 펫□ηfeature 펫□ηredundant 펫□ηsafety 펫□ηmeasures. 펫□ηThe 펫□ηAs 펫□ηexisting 펫□ηCAD 펫□ηin Newark 펫□ηBay, 펫□ηapplication 펫□ηof 펫□ηthese 펫□ηis complicated 펫□ηand, 펫□ηin 펫□ηsome 펫□ηcases, 펫□ηnot even 펫□ηpossible to understand 펫□ηthat 펫□ηat least one barge 펫□ηmissed 펫□ηthe 펫□ηexisting 펫□ηCAD 펫□ηcell 펫□ηcontains a 펫□ηload 펫□ηof 펫□ηcontaminated 펫□ηsediments.
- The 펫□ηCAD 펫□ηwould 펫□ηbe 펫□ηbuilt 펫□ηin 펫□ηa 펫□ηtidal 펫□ηbay, 펫□ηsubject to currents, 펫□ηport traffic 펫□ηand 펫□ηstorm surges. 펫□ηThis is 펫□ηhighly 펫□ηcontaminated 펫□ηsediment 펫□ηin the 펫□ηmiddle 펫□ηof 펫□ηa 펫□ηone million 펫□ηpeople.

- Depending on the remediation alternative, the area would be considerable, causing significant impact to fish habitat.
- Re-suspension remains a major concern. As noted toxic pollutants fine silt, and would be especially suspension.
- There is the ominous unanswered question whether become the final disposal site for all manner of Superfund sites from around the NY/NJ Harbor such Newtown Creek. For the reasons listed above, burying somes regions hazardous waste in the Bay and its waste there.

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We also recommend that this disposal option be removed. Until we understand why contaminated waste in New Bay, we cannot contemplate this option within a fair playing field.

Recently, I participated in a workgroup convened by the US Engineers, New York District, on dredging focus on dredged material. The workgroup was to examine disposal removed from Harbor shipping channels in future years. The material contains contaminants of concern, does not reach the same standards as sediments. The final document is still in draft form, but does not recommend the building of CAD cells to bury the dredged made up of state and federal agencies, representing diverse range of interests and opinions. One become a guidance document for Army Corps decisions. The had foresight to take the table when it was maintenance dredged material knowing the community opposition associated with the option.

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Additionally, Baykeeper supports the return of a navigational Passaic River. This waterway was once a vibrant economic Restoring a channel to the River will help support the take of trucks off local roads for transportation purposes, and recreational power boats.

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Thank you in advance for Baykeeper's input on this issue.

Sincerely,

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